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**Other Information:** Additional information about APHIS and its programs is available on the Internet at <http://www.aphis.usda.gov>.

**FOR FURTHER INFORMATION CONTACT:** For information on regulations for the importation of swine and swine products from the European Union, contact Dr. James Davis, Senior Staff Veterinarian, National Center for Import and Export (Animals), VS, APHIS, 4700 River Road, Unit 39, Riverdale, MD 20737; (301) 734-0694; or Dr. Lynette McDuffie, Staff Veterinarian, National Center for Import and Export (Products), VS, APHIS, 4700 River Road, Unit 40, Riverdale, MD 20737; (301) 734-0689. For copies of more detailed information on the information collection, contact Mrs. Celeste Sickles, APHIS' Information Collection Coordinator, at (301) 851-2908.

**SUPPLEMENTARY INFORMATION:**

*Title:* Importation of Swine and Swine Products From the European Union.

*OMB Number:* 0579-0265.

*Type of Request:* Extension of approval of an information collection.

*Abstract:* Under the Animal Health Protection Act (7 U.S.C. 8301 *et seq.*), the Animal and Plant Health Inspection Service (APHIS) of the United States Department of Agriculture is authorized, among other things, to prohibit or restrict the importation and interstate movement of animals and animal products to prevent the introduction into and dissemination within the United States of animal diseases and pests. Regulations governing the importation of animals and animal products into the United States are contained in 9 CFR parts 92 through 98.

Regulations in parts 94 and 98 prohibit or restrict the importation of specified animals and animal products, including live swine, pork and pork products, and swine semen, into the United States to prevent the introduction into the U.S. livestock population of certain animal diseases, including classical swine fever (CSF).

Sections 94.24 and 98.38 contain regulations necessary to mitigate the risk of introducing CSF into the United States from a defined region of the

European Union ("the APHIS-defined EU CSF region") and require the use of information collection activities, including certificates issued by animal health authorities of the Member States of the APHIS-defined EU-CSF region stating that applicable provisions of the regulations to prevent the introduction of CSF into the United States via live swine, pork and pork products, and swine semen have been met.

We are asking the Office of Management and Budget (OMB) to approve our use of these information collection activities for an additional 3 years.

The purpose of this notice is to solicit comments from the public (as well as affected agencies) concerning this information collection. These comments will help us:

(1) Evaluate whether the collection of information is necessary for the proper performance of the functions of the Agency, including whether the information will have practical utility;

(2) Evaluate the accuracy of our estimate of the burden of the information collection, including the validity of the methodology and assumptions used;

(3) Enhance the quality, utility, and clarity of the information to be collected; and

(4) Minimize the burden of the information collection on those who are to respond, through use, as appropriate, of automated, electronic, mechanical, and other collection technologies, *e.g.*, permitting electronic submission of responses.

*Estimate of burden:* The public reporting burden for this collection of information is estimated to average 1 hour per response.

*Respondents:* Animal health authorities of the APHIS-defined EU CSF region.

*Estimated annual number of respondents:* 86.

*Estimated annual number of responses per respondent:* 9.5.

*Estimated annual number of responses:* 816.

*Estimated total annual burden on respondents:* 816 hours. (Due to averaging, the total annual burden hours may not equal the product of the annual number of responses multiplied by the reporting burden per response.)

All responses to this notice will be summarized and included in the request for OMB approval. All comments will also become a matter of public record.

Done in Washington, DC, this 18th day of November 2008.

**Kevin Shea,**

*Acting Administrator, Animal and Plant Health Inspection Service.*

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**DEPARTMENT OF AGRICULTURE**

**Animal and Plant Health Inspection Service**

[Docket No. APHIS-2008-0115]

**Notice of Request for Extension of Approval of an Information Collection; National Veterinary Accreditation Program; Correction**

**AGENCY:** Animal and Plant Health Inspection Service, USDA.

**ACTION:** Notice; correction.

**SUMMARY:** We are correcting errors in our notice to request an extension of approval of an information collection for the national veterinary accreditation program. The notice was published in the **Federal Register** on November 5, 2008 (73 FR 65820-65821, Docket No. APHIS-2008-0115).

**FOR FURTHER INFORMATION CONTACT:** Ms. Lynn Thomas, Management Analyst, Surveillance and Identification Programs, NCAHP, VS, APHIS, 4700 River Road Unit 200, Riverdale, MD 20737; (301) 734-5777.

**SUPPLEMENTARY INFORMATION:**

On November 5, 2008, we published in the **Federal Register** (73 FR 65820-65821, Docket No. APHIS-2008-0115) a notice announcing the Animal and Plant Health Inspection Service's intention to request an extension of approval of an information collection for the national veterinary accreditation program. In the notice on page 65820, under the **ADDRESSES** section, the Web site to submit comments and the APHIS docket number were incorrect. This document corrects those errors.

**Correction**

In FR Doc. E8-26385, published on November 5, 2008, on page 65820, first column, in the **ADDRESSES** section, make the following corrections:

1. Under Federal eRulemaking Portal, correct "<http://www.regulations.gov/fdmspublic/component/main?main=DocketDetail&d=APHIS-2007-0115>" to read "<http://www.regulations.gov/fdmspublic/component/main?main=DocketDetail&d=APHIS-2008-0115>".

2. Under Postal Mail/Commercial Delivery, correct "APHIS-2007-0115"

to read "APHIS-2008-0115" both times it occurs.

Done in Washington, DC, this 18th day of November 2008.

**Kevin Shea,**

*Acting Administrator, Animal and Plant Health Inspection Service.*

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## DEPARTMENT OF AGRICULTURE

### Forest Service

#### Proposed Forest Plan Amendment for the Palomar Gasline Transmission Project; Mt. Hood National Forest; OR

**AGENCY:** Forest Service, USDA.

**ACTION:** Notice of intent to prepare a forest plan amendment.

**SUMMARY:** The USDA Forest Service, Mt. Hood National Forest is proposing to prepare a forest plan amendment for the proposed Palomar Gasline Transmission Project (PGT). The Federal Energy Regulatory Commission (FERC) is the lead agency for this proposed natural gas pipeline (Docket No. PFO7-13-000). The FERC is preparing an environmental impact statement (EIS) that will discuss the environmental impacts that could result from the construction and operation of a new underground natural gas pipeline proposed by the Palomar Gas Transmission, LLC. An initial Notice of Intent (NOT) to prepare an EIS for this Project was issued by the FERC on October 29, 2007.

The U.S. Department of Agriculture, Forest Service, is a Cooperating Agency with the FERC in the preparation of the EIS for this project. The initial Notice of Intent issued by the FERC identified the possible need to amend the Mt. Hood National Forest Land and Resource Management Plan (Mt. Hood Forest Plan) if the Palomar Project is approved and constructed. Through the pre-filing process the Forest Service has determined amendments to the Mt. Hood Forest Plan are needed for this project and will include the analysis in the FERC EIS.

**DATES:** Comments concerning the scope of the analysis for the forest plan amendment must be received by January 5, 2009. The draft environmental impact statement is expected April 2009 and the final environmental impact statement is expected October 2009.

**ADDRESSES:** Submit written comments to: Mike Redmond, Mt. Hood National Forest, 16400 Champion Way, Sandy, OR 97055. Electronic comments can be

submitted to: *comments-pacificnorthwestmthood@fs.fed.us*.

Comments received in response to this solicitation, including names and addresses of those who comment, will be part of the public record for this proposed action. Comments submitted anonymously will be accepted and considered; however, anonymous comments will not provide the respondent with standing to appeal the subsequent decision.

#### FOR FURTHER INFORMATION CONTACT:

Mike Redmond, Environmental Coordinator, Mt. Hood National Forest, 16400 Champion Way, Sandy, OR 97055 or by e-mailing *mredmond@fs.fed.us* or by calling (503) 668-1776.

Individuals who use telecommunication devices for the deaf (TDD) may call the Federal Information Relay Service (FIRS) at 1-800-877-8339 between 8 a.m. and 8 p.m., Eastern Time, Monday through Friday.

#### SUPPLEMENTARY INFORMATION:

##### Purpose and Need for Action

The staff of the Federal Energy Regulatory Commission (FERC) is preparing an environmental impact statement (EIS) that will discuss the environmental impacts of the Palomar Gas Transmission Project (PGT) that could result from the construction and operation of a new underground natural gas pipeline. An initial Notice of Intent (NOI) for this Project was issued by the FERC on October 29, 2007.

The U.S. Department of Agriculture, Forest Service, is a Cooperating Agency with the FERC in the preparation of the EIS for this project. The initial Notice of Intent issued by the FERC identified the possible need to amend the Mt. Hood National Forest Land and Resource Management Plan (Mt. Hood Forest Plan) if the Palomar Project is approved and constructed. Through the pre-filing process the Forest Service has determined amendments to the Mt. Hood Forest Plan are needed for this project. Section 372 of the 2005 Energy Policy Act directed the Secretary of Energy in consultation with the Secretaries of Agriculture, Interior and Defense to coordinate all applicable Federal authorizations and environmental reviews relating to a proposed or existing utility facility, including an agreement to prepare a single environmental review document to be used as the basis for all Federal authorization decisions. Therefore the Forest Service will be including an analysis of a Forest Plan amendment in the FERC EIS for this project.

The FERC is the lead federal agency in the preparation of the EIS, and is

preparing the EIS to satisfy the requirements of the National Environmental Policy Act (NEPA). NEPA requires the FERC to take into account the environmental impacts that could result from an action when it considers whether or not a natural gas pipeline should be approved. FERC will use the EIS to consider the environmental impacts that could result if it issues project authorizations to PGT under Sections 3 and 7 of the Natural Gas Act. The Commission will use the EIS in its decision-making processes to determine whether or not to authorize the Project. The Forest Service will use the EIS to evaluate the proposed amendments to the Mt. Hood Forest Plan and for any forest plan amendment decisions made subsequently if FERC authorizes this project.

#### Proposed Action

##### *Proposed Amendment to the Mt. Hood Forest Plan*

The Forest Service has identified that there are aspects of the proposed pipeline that would not be consistent with the Mt. Hood Forest Plan as amended by the Northwest Forest Plan. Specifically, the proposed project would not be consistent with Standards and Guidelines for; Late-Successional Reserves (LSRs) crossed by the proposed pipeline; for the Clackamas Wild and Scenic River (which prohibit construction of utility lines within any river segment); for Key Site Riparian Areas (where rights-of-way and easements are prohibited); for restricting the use of ground equipment for vegetation clearing on earth flow areas; for cumulative impacts for soil disturbance; and with Standards and Guidelines limiting disturbance in riparian areas. In addition, the Project may not be consistent with visual quality objectives (VQOs) for the following:

- Eligible Wild, Scenic, and Recreational River Corridors Sensitivity Level I trails with a VQO of Retention, Partial Retention, and Modification in the near foreground, far foreground, and middleground, respectively
- Sensitivity Level II trails with a VQO of Partial Retention, Modification, and Modification in the near foreground, far foreground, and middleground, respectively.
- Portions of the Forest with Retention and Partial Retention VQOs.
- Designated Viewsheds (listed on Table Four-23 of the Forest Plan).

The proposed amendment of the Mt. Hood Forest Plan would include land use designation adjustments to add acres to the LSRs in order to offset LSR